

**Highlights**  
**Census of Population and Housing - 2012**  
**Uva Province**

Indicator		Unit	Uva Province	Badulla District	Monaragala District
<b>Total population</b>		Number	1,266,463	815,405	451,058
<b>By Sex</b>	Male	Number	616,116	391,948	224,168
	Female	Number	650,347	423,457	226,890
<b>By Sector</b>	Urban	Percent	69,800	69,800	-
	Rural	Percent	1,034,417	591,707	442,710
	Estate	Percent	162,246	153,898	8,348
<b>By Ethnicity</b>	Sinhalese	Percent	80.8	73.0	94.9
	Tamil	Percent	14.7	21.1	2.9
	Sri Lanka Moor	Percent	4.3	5.5	2.1
	Other	Percent	0.3	0.4	0.1
<b>By Religion</b>	Buddhist	Percent	80.4	72.6	94.6
	Hindu	Percent	13.4	19.3	2.7
	Islam	Percent	4.5	5.8	2.2
	Roman Catholic	Percent	1.7	2.3	0.5
	Other	Percent	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>By Education Status</b>	No schooling	Percent	6.4	6.8	5.7
	Passed primary	Percent	27.5	27.7	27.2
	Passed secondary	Percent	42.6	40.8	45.7
	Passed G.C.E. O/L or equivalent	Percent	12.9	13.4	12.1
	Passed G.C.E. A/L or equivalent	Percent	8.8	9.4	7.6
	Degree or above	Percent	1.8	1.9	1.6
<b>By Economic status</b>	Total Active	Number	516,621	331,836	184,755
	Male Active	Number	347,818	214,281	133,537
	Female Active	Number	168,803	117,585	51,218
	Total Inactive	Number	410,236	264,497	145,739
	Male Inactive	Number	98,163	67,786	30,377
	Female Inactive	Number	312,073	196,711	115,362
<b>Literacy</b>		Rate	92.2	91.8	92.8
<b>Computer Literacy</b>		Rate	17.6	19.5	14.2

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### 1.0 Introduction

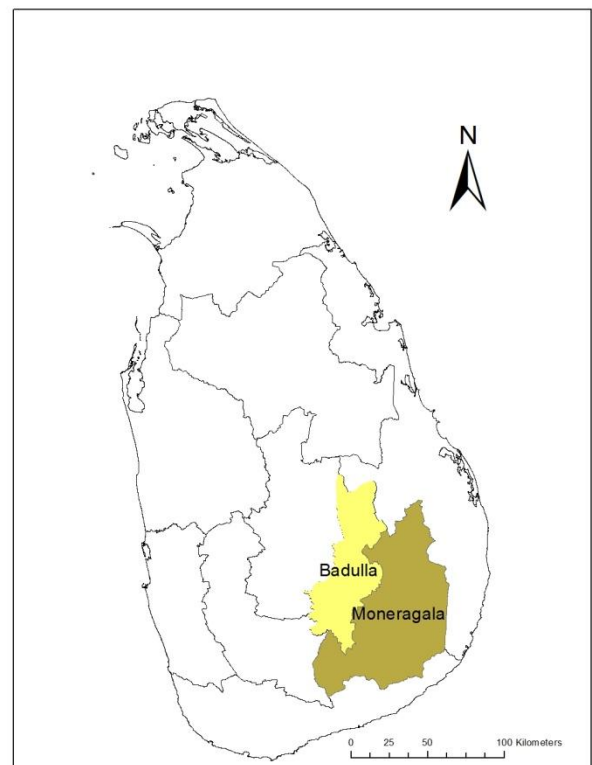
The Department of Census and Statistics was successfully conducted 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive Population and Housing Census in Sri Lanka on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. Enumeration stage of this Census comprised of two rounds. During the first round, performed from 27<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012, data were collected from persons according to their places of usual residence. In the second round, data collected in the first round was updated taking into account events such as births, deaths or changes of usual residence between the date of data collection and the **Census date**, declared as 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012. These updates were done, based on the **Census Moment** which was **declared** as mid night of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Enumeration of homeless people, who do not have a usual place of residence, was carried out during the mid-night of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

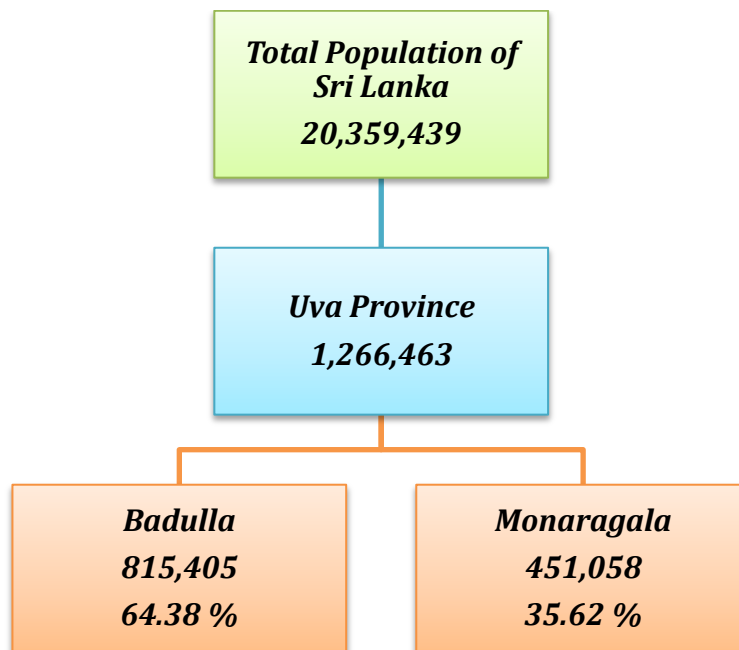
According to the data dissemination plan of the Census, province level reports will be published with district level information. In addition district level, DS division level and GN level data will be

provided through soft copies in CD's. This publication presents population information of Uva province, which consist of two districts namely Badulla and Monaragala.

A brief review of population distribution, demographic characteristics, educational attainment and economic activities of Uva province is presented here followed by detailed statistical tables.

**Figure 1 : Location of Uva province**





## 2.0 Population distribution

Six percent (or 1,266,463) of Sri Lankan population lived in Uva province. Out of the total population, 815,405 (64.4%) belongs to Badulla district. Monaragala district population is 451,058 (35.6%).

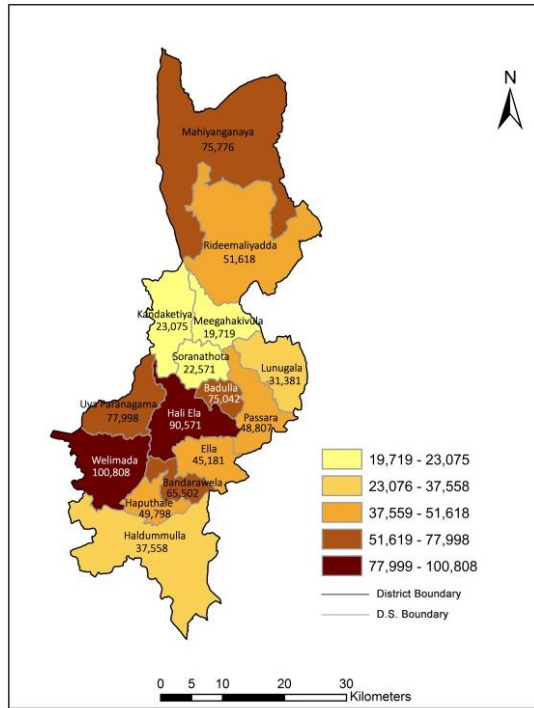
Population density (or number of persons per square km) of the province is 152. Population density of Badulla district (288) is higher than Monaragala district (82).

## 2.1 Population distribution by DS division

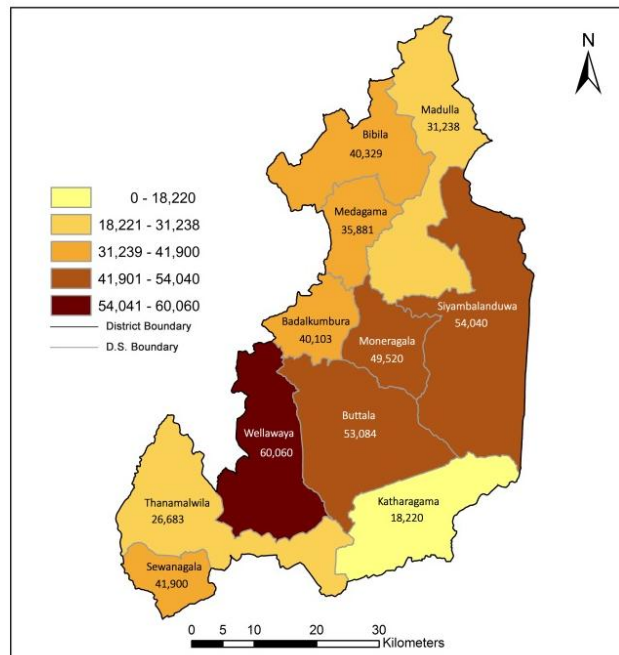
There are 15 DS Divisions in Badulla district and 11 DS Divisions in Monaragala district. The highest and the lowest population in Badulla district is reported from Welimada DS division (100,808) and Meegahakiwula DS division (19,719) respectively. In Monaragala district the highest and the

lowest population is reported from Wellawaya DS division (60,060) and Katharagama DS division (18,220) DS division respectively. Figure 2 and Figure 3 present population distribution by DS divisions in Badulla and Monaragala districts.

**Figure 2 : Badulla District Population Distribution by DS Division**



**Figure 3: Moneragala District Population Distribution by DS Division**



## 2.2 Population distribution by sector

Majority of population in Uva province, especially in Monaragala district live in Rural sector. Percentage distribution of population by sector is given in Table 1. According to the Table 1 in Badulla

district, percentage of population in Estate sector (18.9 %) is higher than the Urban sector (8.6 %). No Urban sector in Monaragala district and majority of population (98.1%) lives in Rural sector.

**Table 1 : Percentage distribution of population by sector**

	Population	Sector			
		Total	Urban	Rural	Estate
Sri Lanka	20,359,439	100.0	18.2	77.4	4.4
Uva	1,266,463	100.0	5.5	81.7	12.8
Badulla	815,405	100.0	8.6	72.6	18.9
Monaragala	451,058	100.0	-	98.1	1.9

## 2.3 Population distribution by Municipal and Urban councils

Areas of Municipal councils and urban councils are defined as urban areas in Sri Lanka.

Municipal council population in Badulla district is 66,405 and there are no

Municipal council areas located in Monaragala district.

There are one urban council (Haputale) in Badulla district and no urban councils in Monaragala district. Population of Haputale Urban council area is 5,288.

## 3.0 Demographic characteristics of population

### 3.1 Population distribution by sex

Out of the total population of Uva province, 616,116 (or 48.6%) are males and 650,347 (or 51.4%) are females.

### 3.2 Sex ratio

Sex ratio is defined as the number of males per 100 females. Census 2012

Table 2 presents percentage distribution of population by sector and sex.

reports that there are 94 males for every 100 females in Sri Lanka.

According to the data Monaragala district sex ratio (99) is higher than that ratio in

Badulla district (93).

**Table 2 : Percentage distribution of population by sector and sex**

	Population	Total	Sector		
			Urban	Rural	Estate
<b>Male</b>					
Sri Lanka	9,856,634	100.0	18.3	77.3	4.4
Uva	616,116	100.0	5.3	82.2	12.5
Badulla	391,948	100.0	8.4	73.0	18.6
Monaragala	224,168	100.0	-	98.2	1.8
<b>Female</b>					
Sri Lanka	10,502,805	100.0	18.1	77.4	4.5
Uva	650,347	100.0	5.7	81.2	13.1
Badulla	423,457	100.0	8.7	72.2	19.1
Monaragala	226,890	100.0	-	98.1	1.9

### 3.3 Population by age group and sex

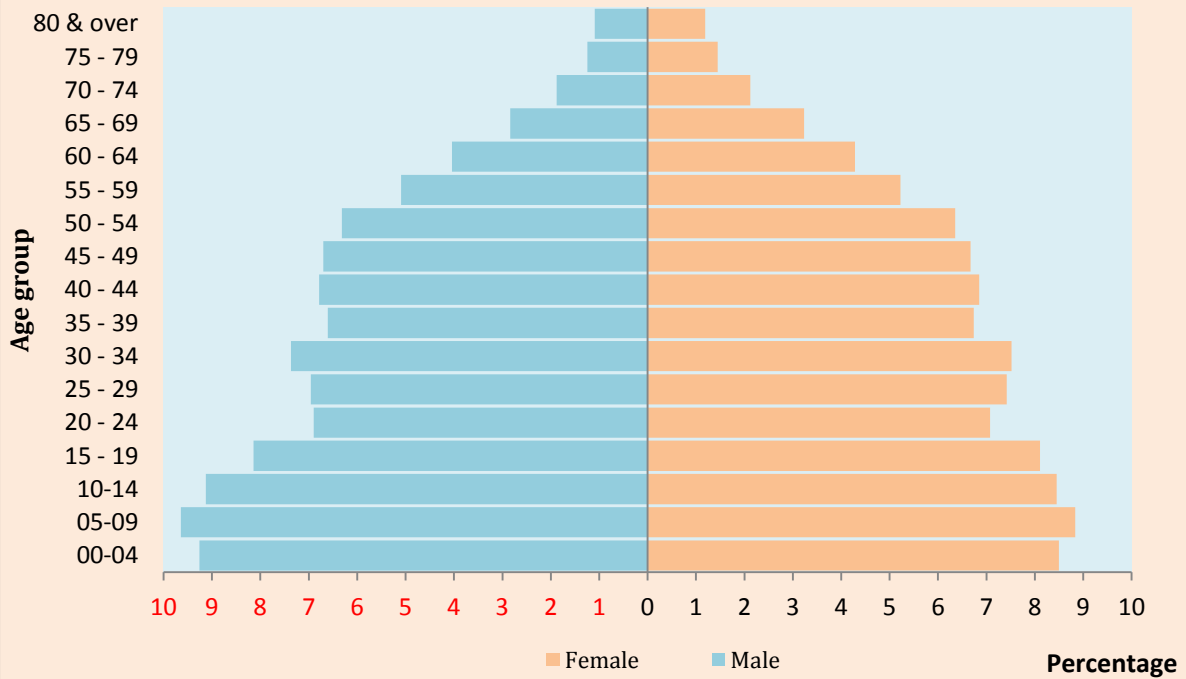
Age-sex composition of a population describes the patterns of the distribution of a population in a different age-sex categories. Age-sex distribution reflects important demographic composition of sub populations such as child population, elderly population and working population.

Figure 4 and Figure 5 shows age-sex pyramids for Badulla and Monaragala district respectively. According to the

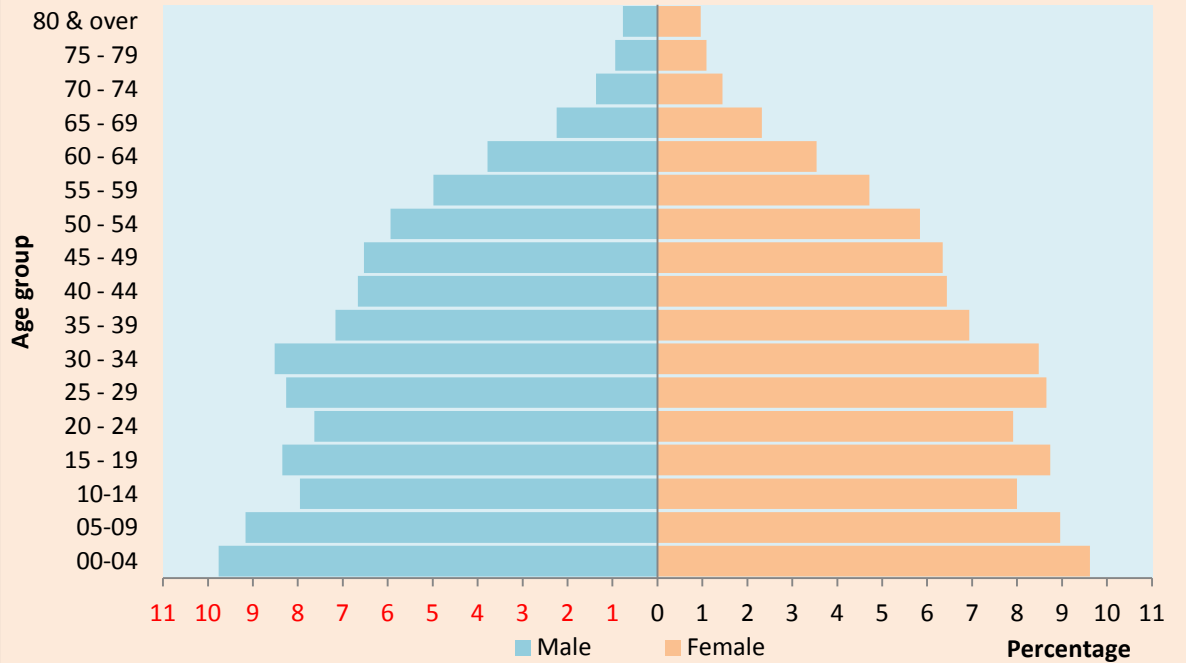
figure 4, the highest population is seen in 5-9 age group for both sexes indicating low births in the youngest age cohort which is 0-4 years. The lowest population is seen in 80 and over age group for both sexes.

In Monaragala district, the highest population is seen in 0-4 age group for both sexes. The lowest population is seen in 80 and over age group for both sexes.

**Figure 4 : Age-Sex percentage distribution of population in Badulla district**



**Figure 5 : Age-Sex distribution of population in Monaragala district**



### 3.4 Population distribution by ethnicity

Majority of population in Uva province is Sinhalese (80.8%). The second highest ethnic group is Tamils (14.7%) followed by Sri Lanka Moors (4.3 %) and other

ethnic groups namely Burgher, Malay, Sri Lanka Chetty and Bharatha which form 0.3 percent. Table 3 presents ethnic distribution in two districts.

**Table 3: Percentage distribution of population by ethnic group**

	Population	Total	Ethnic group			
			Sinhalese	Tamil	Sri Lanka Moors	Other
Sri Lanka	20,359,439	100.0	74.9	15.3	9.3	0.5
Uva	1,266,463	100.0	80.8	14.7	4.3	0.3
Badulla	815,405	100.0	73.0	21.1	5.5	0.4
Monaragala	451,058	100.0	94.9	2.9	2.1	0.1

Total Sinhalese population in Sri Lanka is 15,250,081 and total Tamil population and Sri Lanka Moor population are 3,108,770 and 1,892,638. Among the Sinhalese population 6.7 percent of them

live in Uva province. Among the Tamil population 6 percent and among the Sri Lankan Moor population 2.8 percent live in Uva province.

### 3.5 Population distribution by religion

Majority of Uva province population is Buddhist (80.4%) followed by Hindus

(13.4%), Islam (4.5%) and Roman Catholic and Other religions (1.7%).

**Table 4: Percentage distribution of population by religion**

	Population	Total	Religion				
			Buddhist	Hindu	Islam	Roman Catholic and other Christians	Other
Sri Lanka	20,359,439	100.0	70.1	12.6	9.7	6.2	1.4
Uva	1,266,463	100.0	80.4	13.4	4.5	1.7	0.0
Badulla	815,405	100.0	72.6	19.3	5.8	2.3	0.0
Monaragala	451,058	100.0	94.6	2.7	2.2	0.5	0.0



Among the total Buddhists in Sri Lanka 7.1 percent live in Uva province. While 6.6 percent consist of Hindus and 2.9

percent are the followers of Islam religion.

### 3.6 Population distribution by marital status

Marital status is another important demographic characteristic of a population. Table 5 shows that 70.2 percent of 15 years and above population is married and almost 24.1 percent is never married in Uva province. Male percentage of never

married population is higher than females. However, divorced and separated population is higher among females than males. Percentage of widowed females is about seven times higher than percentage of widowed males.

**Table 5: Percentage distribution of population (aged 15 years and above) by sex and marital status**

	Population aged 15 years and above	Total	Marital Status				
			Never married	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Separated
<b>Both Sexes</b>							
Sri Lanka	15,227,773	100.0	25.8	67.8	5.2	0.3	0.9
Uva	926,857	100.0	24.1	70.2	4.7	0.2	0.8
Badulla	596,363	100.0	24.3	69.6	5.2	0.2	0.7
Monaragala	330,494	100.0	24.7	71.3	3.9	0.2	0.8
<b>Male</b>							
Sri Lanka	7,266,234	100.0	30.0	67.7	1.3	0.2	0.7
Uva	445,981	100.0	28.6	69.4	1.2	0.2	0.6
Badulla	282,067	100.0	28.4	69.4	1.4	0.2	0.6
Monaragala	163,914	100.0	28.9	69.2	1.0	0.2	0.7
<b>Female</b>							
Sri Lanka	7,961,539	100.0	22.0	67.8	8.7	0.3	1.1
Uva	480,876	100.0	19.9	71.1	8.0	0.2	0.9
Badulla	314,296	100.0	20.5	69.8	8.6	0.2	0.9
Monaragala	166,580	100.0	18.7	73.4	6.8	0.2	0.9

#### **4.0 Educational attainment**

Through the Census 2012, information on the highest educational attainment, the highest professional/vocational qualifications were collected from persons who were aged 5 years and above. Information on involvement in any educational activity during 30 days prior to the date of Census was collected from population aged 3 years and above. Purpose of having these data is to collect information on current involvement of educational activity of a person. In addition, information on ability to speak, read and write in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages and ability to use computers were also collected from those who were aged 10 years and above.

In Uva province percentages of passed primary (including those who are studying in grade 1 at the time of the Census), passed secondary, passed G.C.E.O/L or equivalent, passed G.C.E.A/L or equivalent and degree or above are 27.5, 42.6, 12.9, 8.8 and 1.8 percent respectively. These figures show that majority of the population completed education up to secondary level. Those who have completed the highest educational level which is degree and above (1.8%) is significantly low in Uva province. Nearly 7 percent of the

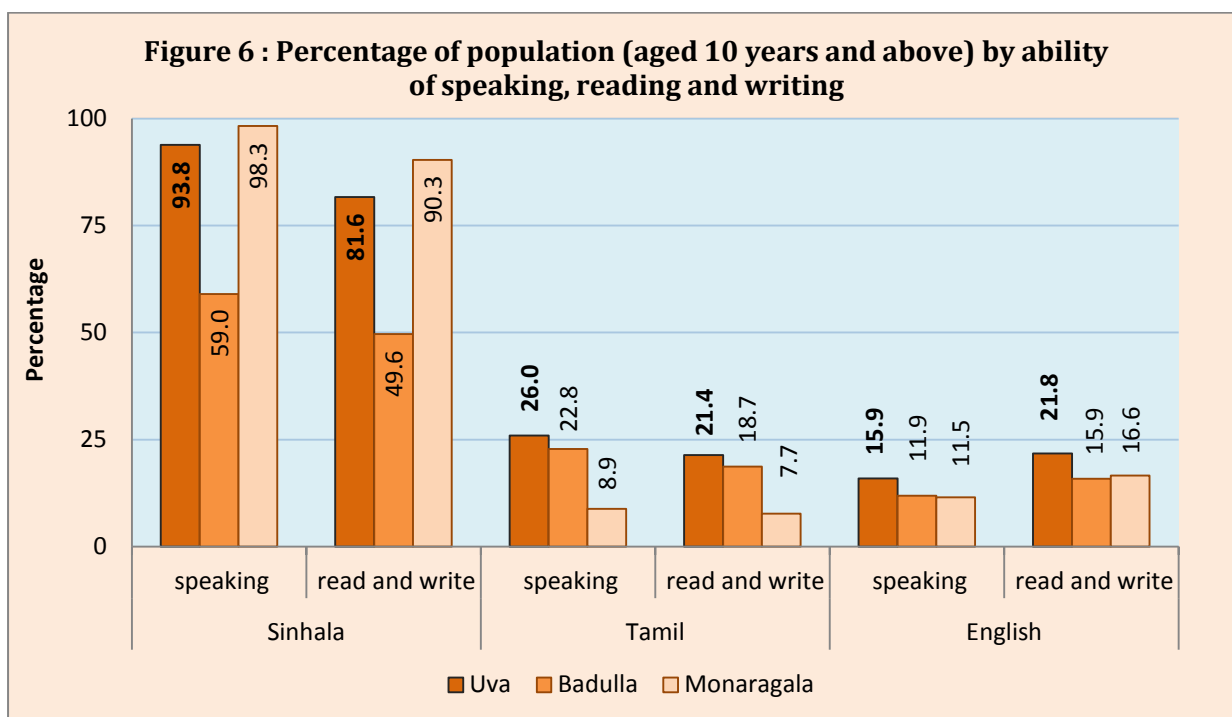
population in Badulla district reported that they have never attended in a school. However, not attended to a school is higher among old aged (65 and over) population.

#### **4.1 Language ability**

Information on ability of speaking, reading and writing of population aged 10 years and above were collected in the Census 2012. According to the data 93.8 percent of people speak Sinhala while 81.6 percent can read and write Sinhala. Figure 6 shows the percentages of speaking, reading and writing abilities of population aged 10 years and above for both districts.

#### **4.2 Literacy rate**

Literacy rate is a key indicator to measure the level of reading and writing ability of persons in a country. The definition of literate person is given as *“If a person can both read and write a short statement with understanding is considered as literate”*. According to the results shown in the Table 6 literacy rate of the population aged 10 years and above in Uva province stands at 92.2 percent. The corresponding rate for males and females are 94.7 and 89.8 percent respectively.



**Table 6 : Percentages of literate population (aged 10 years and above) by sex**

	Population aged 10 years and above	Sex		
		Both sexes	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	16,867,825	95.7	96.9	94.6
Uva	1,034,402	92.2	94.7	89.8
Badulla	667,933	91.8	94.7	89.1
Monaragala	366,469	92.8	94.7	91.0

**Table 7: Percentages of population able to use computer (aged 10 years and above) by sex**

	Population aged 10 years and above	Sex		
		Both sexes	Male	Female
Sri Lanka	16,867,825	24.2	26.5	22.1
Uva	1,034,402	17.6	18.3	17.0
Badulla	667,933	19.5	20.6	18.5
Monaragala	366,469	14.2	14.3	14.1

### 4.3 Computer literacy by sex

According to the Table 7, computer literacy of the population aged 10 years and above in Uva province stands at 17.6

percent. The corresponding percentage for males and females is 18.3 and 17.0 percent respectively.

### 5.0 Economic activities

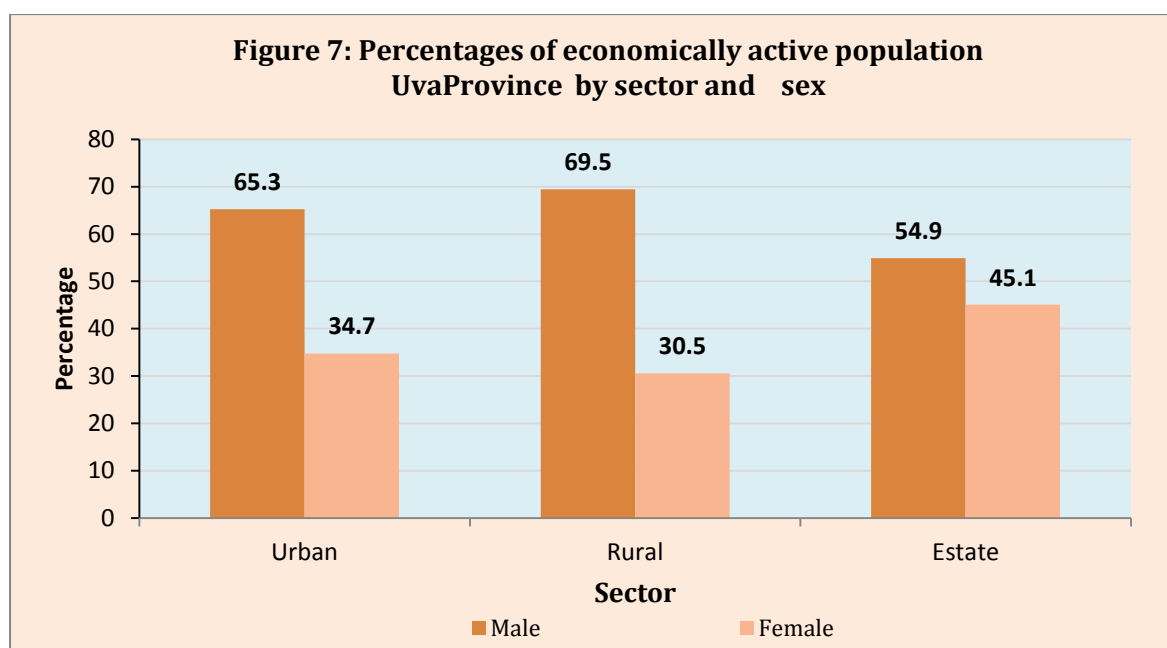
Economic activities that people engaged for their livelihood are very important characteristic in a population. Census 2012 gathered information on economic status of population aged 15 years and

above considering 52 weeks prior to the Census date. Therefore, the indicators reflect usual economic status of the population rather than current economic status.

#### 5.1 Economically active population

Economically active population or the labour force comprised of employed and unemployed persons. According to the data 55.7 percent of aged 15 years and above population is economically active in this province. Equal percentages of

economically active population are reported for both Badulla (55.6%) and Monaragala (55.9%) districts. Table 8 presents percentages of economically active population by sector and sex.



**Table 8: Percentages of economically active population (aged 15 years and above) by sector and sex**

	Economically active Population aged 15 years and above	Both sexes	Sex	
			Male	Female
<b>Sri Lanka</b>				
Total	7,857,370	100.0	69.9	30.1
Urban	1,416,955	100.0	69.8	30.2
Rural	6,048,095	100.0	70.8	29.2
Estate	392,320	100.0	55.7	44.3
<b>Uva</b>				
Total	516,621	100.0	67.3	32.7
Urban	25,945	100.0	65.3	34.7
Rural	422,577	100.0	69.5	30.5
Estate	68,099	100.0	54.9	45.1
<b>Badulla</b>				
Total	331,866	100.0		
Urban	25,945	100.0	65.3	34.7
Rural	241,034	100.0	67.1	32.9
Estate	64,887	100.0	54.7	45.3
<b>Monaragala</b>				
Total	184,755	100.0		
Urban	-	100.0	-	-
Rural	181,543	100.0	72.5	27.5
Estate	3,212	100.0	58.4	41.6

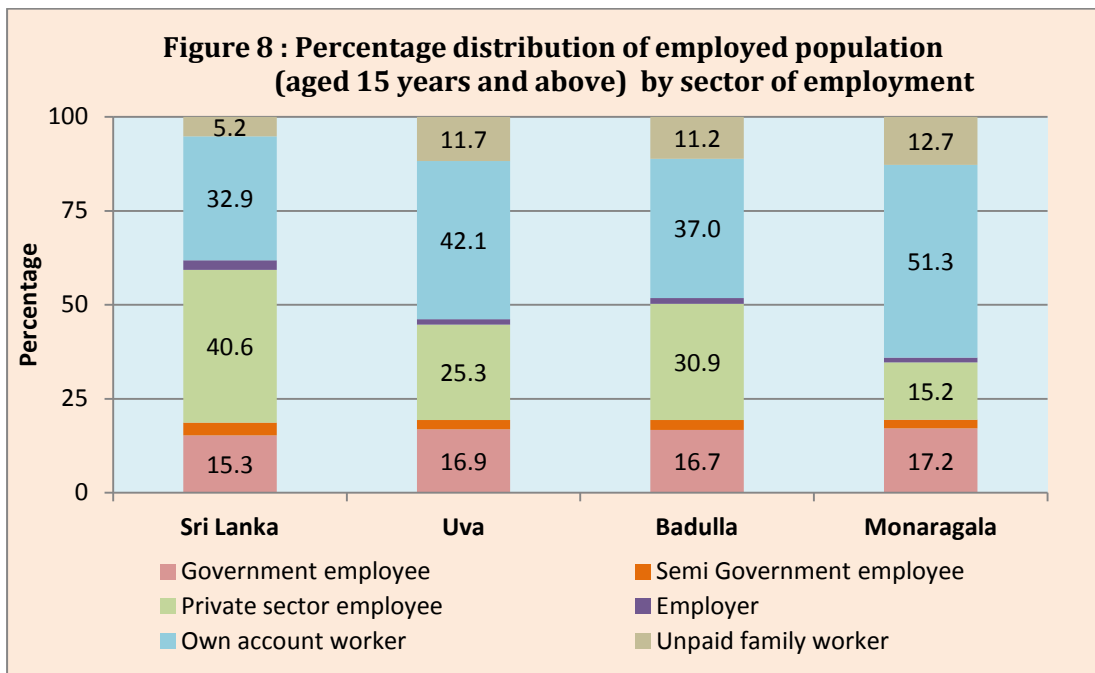
## 5.2 Employed and unemployed population

Total employed and unemployed population in Uva province is 485,459 and 31,162 respectively. In Badulla district total employed population is reported as 312,293 while that figure is 173,166 in Monaragala district. Among

the employed population in Badulla district, 16.7 percent of people are engaged in government sector employments. Table 9 presents the percentages of employed population by sector of employment and sex.

**Table 9: Percentages of employed population  
(aged 15 years and above) by sector of employment and sex**

	Employed Population	Total	Sex	
			Male	Female
<b>Sri Lanka</b>				
Total	7,335,432	100.0	70.8	29.2
Government employee	1,122,734	100.0	64.4	35.6
Semi government employee	244,989	100.0	62.0	38.0
Private sector employee	2,980,361	100.0	70.5	29.5
Employer	190,680	100.0	86.2	13.8
Own account worker	2,414,258	100.0	79.8	20.2
Unpaid family worker	382,410	100.0	31.9	68.1
<b>Uva</b>				
Total	485,459	100.0	68.3	31.7
Government employee	81,971	100.0	68.5	31.5
Semi government employee	12,224	100.0	67.1	32.9
Private sector employee	122,963	100.0	65.1	34.9
Employer	6,961	100.0	82.7	17.3
Own account worker	204,421	100.0	80.6	19.4
Unpaid family worker	56,619	100.0	29.0	71.0
<b>Badulla</b>				
Total	312,293	100.0	65.3	34.7
Government employee	52,216	100.0	65.6	34.4
Semi government employee	8,229	100.0	65.8	34.2
Private sector employee	96,614	100.0	62.6	37.4
Employer	4,746	100.0	83.0	17.0
Own account worker	115,628	100.0	78.7	21.3
Unpaid family worker	34,860	100.0	25.6	74.4
<b>Monaragala</b>				
Total	173,166	100.0	73.6	26.4
Government employee	29,755	100.0	73.5	26.5
Semi government employee	3,995	100.0	69.8	30.2
Private sector employee	26,349	100.0	74.2	25.8
Employer	2,215	100.0	82.0	18.0
Own account worker	88,793	100.0	83.1	16.9
Unpaid family worker	22,059	100.0	34.3	65.7



### 5.3 Economically inactive population

Students, those who are engaged in household work, income recipient/pensioners, the people that unable to work, unpaid social worker, children not attending school and other people who involve in non-economic activities are considered as economically inactive population. According to Census 2012, economically inactive population in Uva province is reported as 44.3 percent. The

corresponding figure for males and females reported as 22.0 percent and 64.9 percent respectively. Figure 9 shows the percentages of economically inactive population (aged 15 years and above) by sex. Data shows that the economically inactive population in Badulla district (44.4%) is higher than economically inactive population in Monaragala district (44.1%).

